

Family Advocacy Program script

Welcome to the National Training Center and Fort Irwin. My name is _____. As a representative of Family Advocacy Program, I realize that military life represents a variety of challenges for the Soldiers and families.

I would like to take the opportunity to offer you some tips and resources for a positive and successful stay while you are assigned at Fort Irwin.

Most Soldiers and families are often faced with the stresses of relocation. So I recommend our stress and anger management class and our couple's communication class. We also offer our "Clean Home, Happy Home" and Kids on the Block puppet shows and other classes as requested.

Our classes are designed to help reduce the feelings of being overwhelmed as well as provide some practical tips that will increase your family's safety and well being.

If you are parenting children of any age, you will find most parent/child relationships are often strengthened when they take advantage in our complete series of parenting classes. As well as take part in our New Parent Support Program that offers education and support regarding parenting, cooperative parenting and infant care.

If you or someone you know falls victim to domestic violence, our installation victim advocates can assist and provides support, information and referral, crisis Intervention, counselling options, safety planning, advocacy and liaison to Command, emergency transportation and relocation assistance. An installation victim advocate is on-call 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The domestic violence hotline is 760-447-0305.

For new leaders being assigned, it is important you schedule annual FAP troop trainings and complete a desk-side brief within 45 days of taking command.

These two key requirements will provide you and your senior NCOs necessary education, skills and tools in addressing family violence.

We invite you to take advantage of our programs and services. Call us at 760-380-4474 or stop by and see us in Army Community Services, Building 548.